







MADISON WELLS.

The New York *Times* of Monday contains a letter from Gov. Wells, of Louisiana, in which that gentleman gives in his own terms the true inwardness of the Returning Board prosecutions. He says that Judge Whitaker, before whom Anderson was tried and convicted, is a defaulter to the government to the amount of \$600,000, that he has been the willing tool of the Democratic conspirators who are endeavoring to compass the destruction of the Returning Board, that he bowed to several persons that the jury in the Anderson case had been packed for conviction, and that during the greater part of the trial this pink of Democratic perfidy was in a beastly state of intoxication. Wells says that Attorney-General Ogden, who conducted the prosecution was also aware of the fact that the jury was packed, and aided and assisted in the packing process; that he threatened witnesses with incarceration if they did not swear to what he desired, etc. Of Burke, who managed the Louisiana case in Washington, a year ago, he says:

A. E. Burke, another prominent witness, absconded from the little town of Kenilworth, county, State of Illinois, and changed his name from A. E. Burke to E. A. Burke. Details have followed him here for liquidation over the signature of A. E. Burke, and some of them have been paid by him, thus confirming the fact of his absconding and changing his name.

He pays his respects to various other individuals connected with the trial, and says that the whole affair is instigated by Samuel J. Tilden, and managed by David Dudley Field. He says that the stake played for is the presidency of the United States, and that a large sum of money has been sent from New York to New Orleans to pay the expenses of the prosecution. He avers that it is a national and not a personal question, and that it is a renewal of the conflict of 1861. He calls upon the Republicans of the North to be on their guard, and to give the Louisiana hirings to understand that it is time for them to quit.

The Springfield *Journal* of yesterday has the following among its news items:

The Freese Brothers, three in number, who have entered a virtual plea of guilty in answer to a charge of embezzlement in connection with the State Savings Bank at Trenton, N. J., were former residents of this state.

The press dispatch from which the above item was made up is dated at Trenton, Feb. 18, and is as follows:

Jacob R. Freese, Harry C. Freese, and Louis K. Freese, charged with embezzling money of depositors in the State Savings Bank, to-day retracted their plea of not guilty and pleaded *non valit contende*. They appear on Monday next for sentence.

Col. Jacob R. Freese, treasurer of the defunct State Savings Bank, has made an assignment of his property, composed of houses in this city and farms in Henderson and Warren counties, and in Pennsylvania, which he values at \$300,000, to be sold within one year, the proceeds to be paid to E. Mercer Shreve, receiver of the bank, for the benefit of the depositors, and the residue, if any, to be paid to Freese. It is said the property altogether is not worth \$50,000, exclusive of encumbrances.

The *Journal*, however, is mistaken in stating that the parties named formerly resided in Decatur. (Col. Jacob R. Freese frequently visited here, while his parents and brothers resided in Decatur, but he never lived here. The two remaining members of the trio mentioned are probably sons of the Colonel.)

T. W. aged and newly-married Thomas Lord, of New York, is doing all within his power to reconcile his children to their new step-mother, Mrs. Hickey. He has turned over his entire estate, including his real and personal property to Clarence A. Seward, counsel for the firm, and Henry L. Day, of the firm of Lord, Day & Lord, counsel for the sons, who hold it in trust and pay from it \$12,000 per annum to each of the children. Mrs. Lord surrenders all right of dower to the estate, and agrees to receive nothing from it after the death of her husband, should she survive him. The total value of the estate is estimated at \$2,000,000, and on the death of the father it will go to the children. Mrs. Lord is said to possess a fortune of over \$500,000 in her own right. Few men would have conceded as much as has Mr. Lord in this matter, and few women as much as has the wife.

WHAT will Lamar do? What will the great State of Mississippi do? The "thorn" of somebody has had a chip knocked from the shoulder, and there ought to be a fight. What becomes of "State rights" and "obedience to the commands of my State," of which we heard so much, and which we found so commanding and imperative that men forgot their oaths and left the army and legislative halls and struck down the old flag because of it? The condition of things have sadly changed when "my State" commands and the call is unheeded, as it was by the honorable Senator from Mississippi.—*Inter-Oceans*.

## REPUBLICAN INDEPENDENT.

The *Union* is destined to be a leader in the fight against the policy of the South, which, in our judgment, is to give the public party of the South to the tender mercy of men whose entire history has shown them capable of just such a course as is now being pursued. It was told of grand results that would be accomplished, that peace would reign and discord cease, and the courtesies and amenities of brotherhood would be respected. It was told that the policy would be given a trial; and the government, with its honors and powers and emoluments, were then transferred by the administration and paid for in empty promises. How now can there be any redress? By what right can President or Cabinet now interfere, except in the expression of indignation? We are glad to see this, even; we rejoice that there is some spirit left in the Cabinet and Congressmen, for we had begun to believe they had settled into passive obedience. Whether anything can be accomplished in the way of redress to General Anderson or not, the prosecution will effectively open the eyes of the people to the real condition of the living race in Louisiana, and there will be wiser administration to-morrow.

The administration of Alabama seems even worse and more hopeless than in Louisiana, if such a thing can be possible. In 1872 the Republican majority in Alabama was over 12,000, and the party elected every State officer and a good working majority in both branches of the Legislature. If an honest election to-day could be held in that State, it would be overwhelmingly Republican. Some of the Congressional districts have a registered Republican majority of 10,000 votes, and are represented in Congress by rabid Democrats. A corresponding of the Cincinnati *Times*, writing from Montgomery, Ala., makes the statement that the President has dismissed every efficient Republican from position in the State, at the bidding of Democratic Congressmen, and filled their places with Democrats. He specifies the evil results to the party, which he says has been hopelessly demoralized, although it has a large majority of the voters.

The offices and power of the government have been transferred to the enemies of the Republican party. It is no answer to affirm that the masses of the party in the South are illiterate, for there was enough of the Union sentiment among the intelligent whites, who have no sympathy with the old pro-slavery Democracy, to have made safe guides and counselors; and, by a fostering care, the party would have grown mentally strong, as it was numerically powerful. We do not delight in arraying these facts. The results have been as the *Inter-Oceans* foretold them from the outset, and as the great Republican party in the West and Northwest believed they would be. If these glaring facts finally work a change at Washington, and wiser counsels are taken, the skies of the future may be brighter than they have been in the year that has passed.—*Inter-Oceans*.

## BIG LAWSUITIN.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 15, 1878.

At the recent term of the United States Circuit Court held in Springfield, the cases of Brown vs. Boughan and Milmine and Bodman vs. Boughan were called, but because of the exhaustion of the funds for the payment of jury fees, the Court was compelled to adjourn. These cases have grown out of some grain transactions in Toledo, in which the Warrensburg millionaire claims that his orders were disregarded, and consequently he repudiated the entire deal.

The importance of the case, and the great amount depending on the decision, brought many of the commissioners of Toledo to Springfield, and gave to the court room the appearance of a session of the Board of Trade when a good margin was up, a "corner" to be made, and some poor devil of a "granger" to be "captured."

The celebrated Bangs, who got banged as a bad last October, was there—Walker, and Williams, and Draper, with Milmine, Ed. Brown, and two of the Carringtons, the Toledo Grain Inspector, and of all others the president of a National Bank, and Ohio lawyers in their diabolical—all of whom traveled to Springfield on the courtesy of Mr. Osborn, general freight agent of the Wabash road, who was earnestly implored to furnish passes for the entire crew, and whose good nature could not refuse a lot of fellows who have got rich by scalping grainhoppers.

The trial, it is believed, will come off as soon as funds arrive from Washington, when we will be pleased to furnish you with pen and ink pictures of the "Shylocks of the Maumee." AHAR.

ONE of the latest scandals from Madrid is that ex-Queen Isabella, in revenge for her exclusion from Spain by the government of King Alfonso, has disclosed a "State secret" to the effect that Alfonso isn't her son at all, but a "supposition" child. The story is that Isabella really bore a son, but he was born dead; so the convenient Alfonso, somebody else's baby, was procured and presented to the nation as the true Prince. Well, what of it? It has long been understood that Alfonso isn't his father's son, and if he isn't his mother's either, he and the nation are the more to be congratulated. Isabella's "royal blood" is about the vilest liquid in the business, and the less Alfonso has of it, the better is his chance of making a decent King. If he hasn't any Bourbon blood in him from either side, he may possibly live to be a respectable man yet.

JUGI received all the latest styles of Spring Hats, by Mrs. L. W. Head, corner of Merchant and Prairie streets, opposite the Postoffice. Feb. 18—dtw

TELEGRAPHIC  
PEACE CONGRESS.

## BISMARCK'S SPEECH.

## Washington Reporters.

## HAYES WEAKENING ON THE LOUISIANA MATTER.

## SUICIDE AND MURDER.

## BERLIN, February 19.—In the Reichstag, to-day, in response to the expected interpellation, Prince Bismarck stated that he had little practically new to tell. He discussed the desperate provisions of the preliminaries of peace, and showed that Germany's interests are not affected so as to oblige her to deviate from her previous attitude. He described the apprehension respecting the Dardanelles as not justified by the actual situation. Regarding the position to be taken by Germany, he said he could not now give official information, as the documents only came into his possession to-day. He did not believe in a European war, as in such case the powers who opposed Russia would have to assume the responsibility of the legacy left by Turkey. Germany was in favor of hastening the assembling of a conference, which perhaps will meet within the first fortnight of March. He rejected emphatically all suggestions that Germany should intervene, and declared she was willing, honorably, to mediate, but did not wish to exercise the office of mediator and brewer. The woman was Maggie Lyda, aged 19, daughter of Gumbinger's employer. The father had forbidden their marriage. The young woman was pregnant.

## A Religious Revival.

EDITORS ROMANIAN.—The revival which has been going on at Shady Grove Church, in Wheatland township, was closed on Sunday night, Feb. 17th. It had been in progress for over two weeks, and the result was sixteen or seventeen conversions. All Christians rejoice in the good work. The Church had girded on the armor, and the spirit witnessed his approval at every conversion. One fact worthy of note is that all who came out boldly seeking salvation were converted. The meeting was conducted by Rev. W. L. Rankin, who is a good worker, full of faith and zeal. The Church realizes the work that has been done there, and is much encouraged over it. The Sabbath School at this place is large, interesting, and growing.

## L. R. S.

## THE POOR.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the President and members of the *La Vie* Benevolent Association:

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